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SUBJECT: MRS. CARTER'S BRAZIL VISIT: FURTHER BACKGROUND
INFORMATION

1. AS FURTHER BACKGROUND FOR THE BRASILIA VISIT, THERE
FOLLOWS AN ACCOUNT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL INVITATION EXTENDED
TO GEISEL IN 1975, REPEATED IN 1976 -- AND RATHER DIS-
COURTEOUSLY SPURNED:

A) IN A JUNE 1975 LETTER, PRESIDENT FORD INVITED PRESIDENT
GEISEL TO VISIT THE U.S. THAT YEAR. GEISEL WROTE BACK HIS
THANKS, BUT EXPLAINED THAT HIS SCHEDULE MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE
IN 1975. HE SUGGESTED NO ALTERNATIVE DATES, BUT INDICATED
HE WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH SOMETIME ("OPORTUNAMENTE").

B) IN FEBRUARY 1976, SECRETARY KISSINGER, DURING HIS
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BRASILIA VISIT, REAFFIRMED THE PRESIDENT'S INVITATION,
SUGGESTING SEPTEMBER. GEISEL TOLD HIM "SPEAKING FRANKLY"
THAT IT SEEMED INAPPROPRIATE FOR HIM TO VISIT THE U.S.
WHEN THERE WERE SUCH SERIOUS OUTSTANDING TRADE PROBLEMS
(U.S. RESTRAINTS ON ENTRY OF SOME BRAZILIAN PRODUCTS).

C) SOME OF THE SPECIFIC TRADE IRRITANTS WERE RESOLVED IN

MAY 1976 AND, IN JULY -- AMIDST REPORTS OF A SEPTEMBER
GEISEL TRIP TO JAPAN -- WE INSTRUCTED AMBASSADOR CRIMMINS
TO MAKE A LOW KEY INQUIRY TO SILVEIRA RE THE U.S.

INVITATION. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY RESPONSE WAS THAT SOME
AREAS OF THE PRESIDENT'S SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE REMAINED "UNDE-
FINED" AND THE GOB WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GIVE US A DEFINITE
INDICATION UNTIL MID-AUGUST. (FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS
IMPLIED THEY WOULD UNDERSTAND IF WE WERE TO CONSIDER THIS
TOO LATE, LEAVING THE DEFINITE IMPRESSION THEY WERE TRYING
TO MANEUVER US INTO TAKING THE INITIATIVE TO CALL THE VISIT
OFF.)

D) THE BRAZILIANS, IN FACT, NEVER GAVE US A RESPONSE.
INSTEAD, THEY ENGAGED US HEAVILY IN ENSURING APPROPRIATE
STOPOVER ARRANGEMENTS IN LOS ANGELES AND HONOLULU AS
GEISEL PROCEEDED WITH HIS SEPTEMBER TRIP TO JAPAN.

2. ALL TOLD, A PRETTY POOR SHOW. CHRISTOPHER

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